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PARRELLA'S 1956 DAHLIA CATALOGUE



LINDA MARSCHNER

NOTE—My grandchild Linda holding the huge bloom

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PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS

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I Grow the Best — Discard the Rest

Greetings . . . To My Friends:

It is with pleasure that I present you with this, my Dahlia Catalogue for 1956. Your generous and kind support is thoroughly appreciated and inspires me to continued effort to make available to you only the best.

This catalog would not be complete if I were not to take advantage of the opportunity to thank you for your many letters telling of various successes obtained from stock purchased from me. I am grateful to those who have been able to visit my gardens as well as those who have inspected my exhibits at the American Dahlia Society Shows, and many other shows we attend, because I feel my dahlias speak best for themselves.

To those who are familiar with my stock, no introduction is necessary and you have my pledge that the same quality will not only continue but improve if such is possible. To those who have not tried my service this is an invitation, an invitation that may prove a real opportunity for you to realize something you may not have been able to obtain elsewhere and no order is too small nor is any contract too large, I am pleased to serve you.

ALBERT PARRELLA.

IMPORTANT NOTICE — DO NOT OVERLOOK

Due to the limited space we are compelled to be brief with our descriptions. However, we want our patrons to know that the varieties listed in this Catalog are either Honor Roll Certificate Winners or has proven with us to be truly outstanding. Not only that, but the varieties offered are reliable in every respect, good growers, fine producers, insect resisting foliage and most of them are of large size blooms, and true prize winners. If you are interested in large size dahlias, you surely are not going wrong by ordering from us. This may be of interest to you to know that we do not force our dahlias for size, but we are gratified to know that our customers secure the lion's share of prizes at the Show.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

You are cordially invited to bring along as many friends as you possibly can to my gardens at any time after August 15th and see this magnificent sight. You are under no obligation to buy, but welcomed and I will be as happy to see you as you will be to see this magnificent collection of gorgeous massive flowers in all of the colors, shades, and tints of the rainbow.

I will have over 300 varieties, most of them Honor Roll dahlias, as well as many promising seedlings, and many new ones sent by other growers for trial and that have not been released for sales as yet, as well as many novelties.

We want to thank those who have sent to us Seedlings for trial this past season. Assure you we have given them the best of attention. We would appreciate receiving more of them for the coming season providing they are good. We will do all we can to put them over.

A WORD ABOUT OUR DAHLIA PLANTS

We only offer plants of the most expensive varieties. You can secure plants at a much reasonable price. Our plants are made from base cuttings, and aren't over-propagated. We send out fine sturdy plants, well packed and GUARANTEED to reach you in perfect condition. If you take proper care of them you will not be disappointed. Our customers who have purchased plants from us in the past years have been very well satisfied. Not only have our plants produced wonderful blooms for them, but also have secured good clumps. Plants will be shipped from May 1st on. If an early shipment is required, kindly advise.

DIRECTIONS OF REACHING PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS

Customers can easily reach our place by taking the East Side Subway (Lexington Avenue); the train that is marked "241st Street & White Plains Road." Get off at East 180th Street and change for the SHUTTLE which passes our gardens. Get off at BAYCHESTER AVENUE. The distance between 180th Street and Baychester is only five stations. Our Gardens are only two blocks from Baychester Avenue. Inquire at Station, anyone will direct you to our Gardens. The fare is only 15 Cents.

BY AUTO: Follow the Boston Post Road to either ELY AVENUE or GRACE AVENUE. Grace Avenue is more convenient for your parking space, turn EAST here five hundred feet and you are at the center of our Gardens.

Member of American Dahlia Society and The New York Florists Club

JOIN
THE AMERICAN



DAHLIA SOCIETY

FEE \$4.00

For ENTRY BLANKS write to Henry A. Olsen, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, New York, or to us.

The more you do for the dahlia in the growing season, the more the dahlia will do for you in the blooming season.

The
PARRELLA
DAHLIA GARDENS

*presents the following introductions from our Gardens and
other Growers, for the Season of 1956*

SEE FLOWER GROWER HONOR ROLL

LINDA MARSCHNER (Tomczak-Parrella)—Size 9" x 5". Spreading bush 4 feet tall. Ten to twelve inch stems hold blooms on side at 45° angle. Color white with creamy center. This variety is named for our granddaughter.
Root \$15.00 net Plant \$5.00 net



BORAM'S SUNRISE

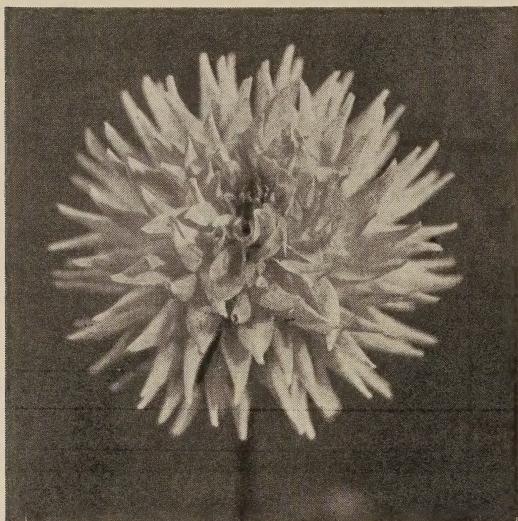
GROUCHO MARX (Comstock)—Semi-cactus, ivory white. Size 11 by 6½ inches. Broad petals, revolute for nearly half length to fine points. Bush 4 feet. Good substance. Saw this in five shows, to which the blooms had been air expressed. Won 7 major awards.
Plant \$5.00 net

OTTO'S THRILL (Aumuller-Ruschmohr)—Formal decorative, bright rose pink with slight edge of yellow on petals. Size, 11 by 6 inches. Stems, 8 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 to 6 feet.
Plant \$5.00 net

REE'S CAMEO (Rees)—10". Informal decorative, cameo pink. A good grower and fine bloomer.
Plant \$3.50 net

LOREEN REES (Rees)—A lovely semi cactus pure white, 8" bloom. Held on good stem. Early and profuse bloomer.
Plant \$3.50 net

HONEY BEAR (Dahilladel) I. D.—Bloom 11" x 5". Saffron yellow. Deepening to orange at center. Bush growth vigorous and healthy. Excellent substance. Keeps days when cut.
Plant \$5.00 net



MOM'S PRIDE (Morgan-Parrella)—

St. Cactus. Color shrimp pink, suffused poppy red at center. General effect coral or deep pink.

A very deep cactus with excellent substance. Keeps good when cut. Size 7" x 4½". Blooms on side and top. This is really a cactus with character. Bush about 5 feet.

Root \$7.50 net

Plant \$2.50 net

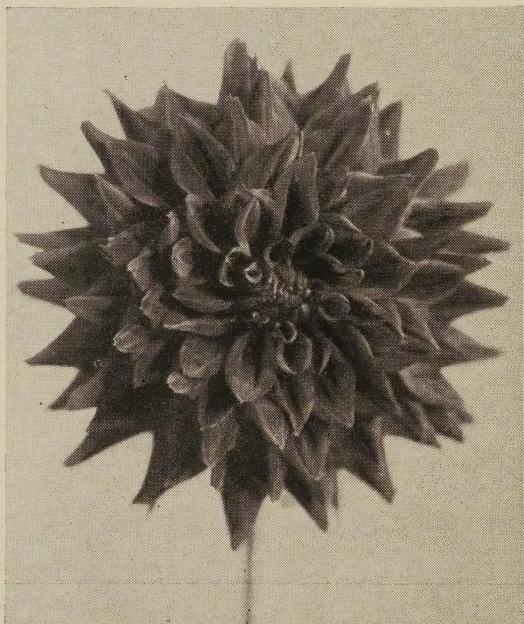
MOM'S PRIDE

ROYAL JESTER (Rocky River)—Informal decorative, dark red. Size, 10 by 5 inches. Stiff stems. Plant very vigorous with blackish green foliage.

Plant \$5.00 net

BORAM'S PRIDE (Boram-Parrella)—Semi-cactus. Size 7" x 4". Stems 8" to 10" hold blooms about 45° angle. Color chrysanthemum crimson shaded darker ox-blood red to center. Free bloomer early and late. Good substance. Keeps well. A good garden flower. At Cincinnati, Ohio show in 1954 this variety scored 85.5.

Root \$7.50 net Plant \$2.50 net



SPECIAL NOTICE

If there is any variety that you're interested in and don't find listed, write to us, we may be able to accommodate you, as we have many more varieties but only in small quantities, and that is why we have not listed them.

PRICES IN THIS CATALOGUE ARE CORRECT.

THIS CATALOGUE CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.

If you like to have your garden looking beautiful during the summer and fall you will have to give them some thought now.



BUTTERSCOTCH (Fuschetti-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Bi-color. Edge and base of petals bright aurelien yellow, tipped white. Petals crinkly, foliage dark and in proportion to size of blooms. This is a bright, attractive little variety that has won several blue ribbons in the New Jersey shows. Also American Home Achievement medal at Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey in 1953. The 3" x 1½" blooms are held up in good 4" to 6" stems.

Root \$5.00 net Plant \$1.75 net

Butterscotch, Min.

Little Sunset, Pom

WINSOME (Chappaqua-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Size 3½" x 2¼". Color blend of light yellow and bright red. General effect almost orange. Blooms profusely on good 8" stems. Keeps well when cut and a good florist's variety. Bush about 5 feet.

Roots \$5.00 net Plants \$1.75 net

LITTLE SUNSET (Slocum-Parrella)—Pom size 1½" x 1". Dark blend of canary yellow tipped scarlet. Eye stopper because of color combination. A garden type which ladies like for home decoration and arrangements. Nice foliage. Bush about 3 feet.

Root \$3.00 net Plant \$1.50 net

"SUPER DAHLIA SEED"

Have you been looking for an outstanding dahlia, that you would like to name after yourself, or some beloved friend? If you have, then I have the seed from which these beauties can be raised, as can be attested to by the many visitors to my gardens the past season.

My seed is hand picked and selected from over 300 varieties of Honor Roll dahlias, in my gardens, and it is for this reason, and this reason only, that I can give the following GUARANTEE, that more than 50% of these will show full, double and tight centers, and that among these you will get some that are as good, if not better than any outstanding variety you have in your garden, no matter what they are.

50 Seeds \$3.00 Net

100 Seeds \$5.00 Net

(Trial packet \$1.00)

ACCESSORIES, ETC.

Copper Wired dahlia labels painted one side, \$1.00 per hundred, \$7.50 per thousand. These are the kind we use for ourselves, and are very satisfactory.

Special Pencil: "Waterproof" will resist any kind of weather. 15c each.

GENERAL LIST OF STANDARD VARIETIES
LARGE FLOWERING TYPE

The varieties listed herein are positively the best stock that can be procured anywhere, at any price, as these tubers are not forced, or from over propagated stock, and are GUARANTEED to be true to name, healthy, and full of life, vim, and vitality.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS: F. D.—Formal Decorative; S. C.—Semi-Cactus;
I. D.—Informal Decorative; St. C.—Straight Cactus.



ALABASTER (Tomczak-Parrella)

F. D.—A new white seedling of The Real Glory and a new beauty. Size 8 x 5. There is a creamy glow from center of the bloom that gives it a soft, rich, waxy look that is just beautiful. Although formal, petals are cupped enough to give bloom an artistic formation. Flowers are held facing up on perfect stems about 9 inches above a strong, vigorous, branching plant with rich, green foliage. Blooms have very good substance. Winner of Achievement Medal at Washington, D. C. show and Seedling Award at Long Island show 1952. Also First and Tri-Color at Long Island show 1951.

Roots \$3.00

Plants \$1.50

ALABASTER

ADA. N. (Robens)—Very large purple S. C. to I. D. Has been grown to 14½" by 10¼". Unusually prolific for a large flowered variety. Tall grower.

Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25

ALL AMERICAN (Salem) S. C.—Mulberry rose, with wax yellow at base of petals. Huge blooms are carried on best of stems. A prize winner. Grows about 5 feet.

Roots \$1.50

AMONIER CHANDELON (St. C.)—Rose. Very attractive

\$1.00

AMOS KIRBY A Large Inf.—Purple shading to pansy purple. A good grower and a good variety size 10" x 5".

Root \$2.00

ANDRIES WONDER—Yellow and pink, purple red tips curving inwards, different, large and profuse bloomer on good stems.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

ARTHUR GODFREY (Dahliadel)—This is a flower of immense size. Color of orient red with buff shadings. Claimed to be about the largest formal ever grown—if you like them big—this is it.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

AUTUMN BLAZE I. D.—Oriental red, chrome yellow, very large.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

When better dahlias are grown, we will have them.

BETTY BLOSSOM (Rindfleish-Ruschmohr)—Formal decorative, creamy white tinted Persian rose. Size 8 by 5 inches. Bush 5 feet. A vigorous and clean grower. Early and late bloomer. Strong stem holding bloom facing to 45° well above foliage. Winner of Flower Grower Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy and American Home Achievement Medal at New York.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

BIG MO (Roberts-Ruschmohr)—Straight cactus Indian Lake and carmine red, almost black. Size 12 by 6 inches, could be grown larger. Stems 10 to 15 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 feet. Won American Home Achievement award at Long Island and Southtown, Chicago shows.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

BLACK MONARCH I.D.—Large Black-Red. Long stems. Size 11½" x 6", bush 4 feet. Exhibition flower.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

BLUE RIVER (Salem) F. D.—Color, deep lilac, or bluish mauve. Good size bloom on good stems. Height 4 feet.

Root \$1.00

BRIASO S-C—Red, white tips, attractive bi-color.

Root \$1.00

BURNBRAE MEMORIES F. D.—Very large yellow from Australia. A real good variety.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

CALIFORNIA PAGEANT (Ballay)—Bloom 12 x 8, bush 5 feet. Color, golden apricot, suffused coral. Certified at Storrs, 1946. Very large.

Root \$1.50

CAROLINE KERNOCHAN I. D.
(Fioretti-Parrella) — This medium size dahlia which for the last three years has been a sensation at the A.D.S. N. Y. Shows and a constant winner of first, special and medal. For those who have seen this dahlia no introduction is necessary. But for those who have not seen it, let me say it is something entirely different from what you have ever seen before. The blend of the color combination is entirely new and unusually exquisite. No words can give an accurate description. Color — center pale Lemon Yellow. Outer petals blushed deep Rose Red. A fine growing plant with insect resisting foliage. Blooms are held facing on long cane-like stems. Size of blooms 7 inches. Height 4½ ft. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Root \$2.00
Plant \$1.00



CAROLINE KERNOCHAN

CHEROKEE BEAUTY (Ricks-Dahl 86A), FD, M, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 3½ ft. An outstanding Formal Decorative of a pleasing begonia pink. Clearer and more intense pink than Kelvin. Has distinctive foliage and is a wonderful propagator of green plants. Naturally a vigorous grower and does best in regular garden culture.

Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.75

No flower garden is complete without dahlias

CHEROKEE BRAVE (Ricks-Dahliaidei)—Large ox-blood red. About 11". Height 5½ feet. One of the best of the oldsters. Root \$1.00

CAROL I. D.—Very large purple. A good bloomer and a desirable variety. Root \$2.00

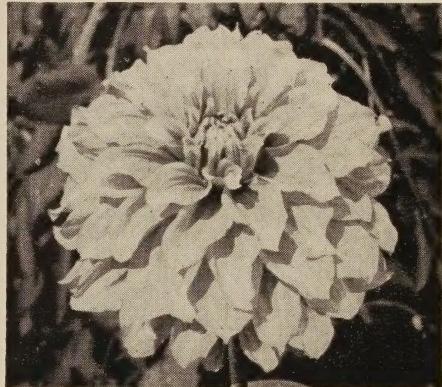
COMMANDO F. D.—Phlox purple. Strong grower and good bloomer. Size 10" to 11". Root \$1.00

COVER GIRL (Hulin-Parella)—F. D.

Mauve violet with generous white tips. Size of blooms 10" x 4½". Cane stems hold flowers on side. Bush grows about 4½ feet. Different and attractive.

Root \$3.50

Plant \$1.50



COVER GIRL, A—F.D., Bicolor

CROWNING GLORY I. C. (S. D. G.)—Rose pink, with cream center and one of the most beautiful dahlias ever originated. Blooms 10" to 12" with good depth. Height 5 feet. Root \$2.00

CROYDONS MASTERPIECE F. D.—This sensational dahlia is not only one of the largest, but is perfect in every way. Grows 12" easily with great depth. Free flowering for a large variety and blooms "can take it" in rainy weather. Color is salmon orange with coppery tan shades. Good grower.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

DAHLIAMUM I D.—A large deep flower of apricot with salmon sheen plant. Stems and blooms are good. Root \$1.50

D DAY F. D.—A soft shade of pink. Size 7" x 4". This is an excellent cut flower on long straight stems. Root \$1.00

DEBUT (Merrill Brown) F D.—A vigorous plant with blooms 11" x 7" of primrose yellow. Winner at Rochester, N. Y., Cleveland, East Liverpool, and Wellsville, Ohio. One of the good yellows. Root \$2.00 Plant 1.00

NOTE

Kindly order your wants early, some of our stock is limited. Please add 45c for special delivery on plant orders.

Write your name and address plainly. To avoid delay, be sure to include your Postal Zone Number.

Thank you,

Parrella Dahlia Gardens

What Flower Can Beautify Your Home and Garden Like A Dahlia?

DAVE PLATT F. D. to Ball (Fioretti-Parella)—Color white with pink flush at center. Vigorous grower, that gives lots of blooms, early and late flowers, of very good substance and are ideal for florists' use. Size 3" to 4".

Root \$1.00

DELROSE I. D.—White with petals bordered yellow. Very different and beautiful bloom. Certified at East Lansing.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

DETROIT 250 (Lakeside) I. C.—Bloom 10½" x 5". Height 4 feet. Large cardinal red with crimson shadings some blooms. Semi-cactus. Foliage and bush growth are good and the large blooms keep well on bush or when cut. Certified at New Brunswick.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

DONALD VAN DEMARK (Parrella)—F. D. A very large, deep, formal bloom about 11" x 6", some blooms larger. Color purplish red or wine red, with darker shadings. Good bloomer early and late with excellent stems. Won gold premium in seedling class at Long Island Show in 1954.

Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.75

DR. PAUL MORGAN (Dixie)—Semi-cactus of soft lavender and purple shades. Size 10" x 5". Good stems, holding blooms on side.

Root \$1.50

DESIREE DRAPS—St. cactus. Color lively pink. The frilled petals are waved and faintly edged yellow. A free blooming plant of good habits. Height 3½ feet.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



DR. J. BEYER (Zourek-Parrella)

I. D.—Color of this variety is difficult to describe. Seems to be a blend of carrot red, straw yellow and apricot with deeper tones showing in reverse of petals. The 11" x 6" blooms are well formed with high centers. The robust plants have dark green foliage and grow about 5 feet with stems strong as steel rods. An early and prolific bloomer. The lady visitors to our garden, in particular, seemed to be excited over the color of this new variety. Here is a dependable dahlia that will give full satisfaction in your garden.

Roots \$4.00

Plants \$2.00

DR. J. BEYER

DAN'L DEL ROI ALBERT F. D.—Purple tipped white, very outstanding.

Root \$1.00

DARCY SAINSBURY (FD) 10" pure white that has withstood the years and is still the favorite giant white. Wonderful habits

Root \$1.00

EDNA D.—A huge straight cactus of bright rose red. A tall strong grower with heavy dark green foliage, petals not too tightly rolled. Good in garden and on show tables. Size 11" to 12" x 5". If you like a great big red, here it is.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

EMMA CAROLINE (Swezey) I.D. to F.D.—A large waxy white, strong grower with dark green foliage. Achievement Medal Winner and certified at Rutgers Trial Grounds. Early bloomer. Size of blooms about 9½" 5½". A good White.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



FANNY LEVY "A"

I. D. (Etherngton-Parrella) — A large 11 by 7 in. or better vermillion red informal with reverse of straw yellow. General color effect is light red. Stems 10 to 15 in. Holds flowers side facing. It is a brilliant flower in garden or on show tables. Much admired at our display at the A.D.S. Show in New York. Grow Fanny Levy next Spring and you will never regret it. Height 4 feet.

Root \$3.00

Plant \$1.50

FANNY LEVY

FLASSIE H.—F.D.—Good size, blooms on good erect strong stems. Creamy yellow base of petals. Flushed rose on outside. A beautiful bloom. Trial Ground Certificate and Honor Roll.
Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

FLORISTS' BEAUTY (Parrella) F. D. This is a purple with white tips and about the best dahlia we know of for the florists' trade, as it will last a week after being cut. Beautiful bloom too. Size 6" to 7". Awarded gold medal of New York Florists' Club with a score of 88 points
Root \$1.50

FLORENCE M. (Zourek-Parrella) F. D.—A soft, pleasing shade of pink, veiled white, especially at end of petals, making a very attractive and appealing color. Back petals recurve to stem, forming a round, full, deep flower. Blooms are held high and facing on strong, wiry stems.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

The Marvelous Dahlia is Not Only a Man's Flower—A Lady's as Well.

5 STAR GENERAL (Ramage-Ruschmohr) F. D.—A huge bloom in a blend of pink shades and maize yellow. Vigorous plant with strong stems. Received two trial ground certificates and listed in 3 Honor Rolls. **Root \$1.50**

FIRST LADY (Comstock)—A medium size formal decorative of Dresden yellow. Blooms $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with numerous petals which roll completely back to the stem, giving the bloom unusual depth. Early and prolific with great uniformity of quality. A Certificate of Merit variety which is also listed on all four Honor Rolls. **Roots \$7.50 Plant \$3.75**

FIGARO A-SC-Var. Reputed to be a seedling of Satan, with many of the good characteristics of the parent, and none of the faults. The color is a golden-yellow, flecked and streaked red. The flowers are very large, and most striking in appearance. Stems and plant growth are excellent.

Root \$2.00

FLYING SAUCER (Clapp-Tilton) — This beautiful big semi-cactus was originated by Mrs. Florence Clapp of Campbell, Virginia. It scored certificates at three A.D.S. Trial Gardens in 1954, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio; Farmingdale, Long Island; and East Lansing, Mich. It is on the Eastern Flower Grower Honor Roll. Color is mallow purple, lavender for $\frac{2}{3}$ area of face, $\frac{1}{3}$ at center white. Size is 12 by 6 inches; bush $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet; good stems and substance. Won A.D.S. Derrill Hart Medal 1954 for highest average score for "A" seedling in three Trial Grounds.

Plant \$3.75

FRED SPRINGER F. D.—Known as the hedge dahlia because of a profusion of scarlet red flowers that cover the low growing bushes.

Root \$1.00

FUJIYAMA (Endow-Parrella)—I. D., Variegated—Base color Indian yellow. Lined, dotted and speckled with cardinal red. Some petals are half red lengthwise. Attractively colored blooms are held facing on good cane like stems. Good grower and good bloomer. Size $7\frac{1}{2}''$ x 4".

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50

GAY F.D. (Wengert-Parrella)—Lemon yellow. Size 7 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Excellent keeping qualities. Profuse bloomer and can be grown to 8 to 10 canes to produce crop of blooms early and late. Won gold medal at New York Florists Club.

Root \$1.50

GIANT OF BAARN (Holland)—S. C. Crimson Red. Big Blooms on long strong stems. A splendid garden variety.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

GOOD EARTH (Holland)—Cactus. Lilac Rose. Good show and garden variety. Rich flowering.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

GOLD COIN (Pape-Rock 86A)—Bloom $9\frac{1}{2}''$ x 5", bush $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Lovely light chrome yellow with a faint rose suffusion at center. Tightly rolled petals are decidedly incurved. Very good substance.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.50

GRANDMASTER BERGER S. C.—Deep pink, creamy centers.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

GYPSY GIRL (Parrella) F. D.—Rosaline purple, flecked with dahlia purple. Bloom has good form and substance and held well up in good stems. Won Flower Grower Trophy and A.D.S. Silver Medal Certificate. Good commercial variety. Size $4\frac{1}{2}''$ x $2\frac{1}{2}''$. Profuse bloomer.

Root \$1.00

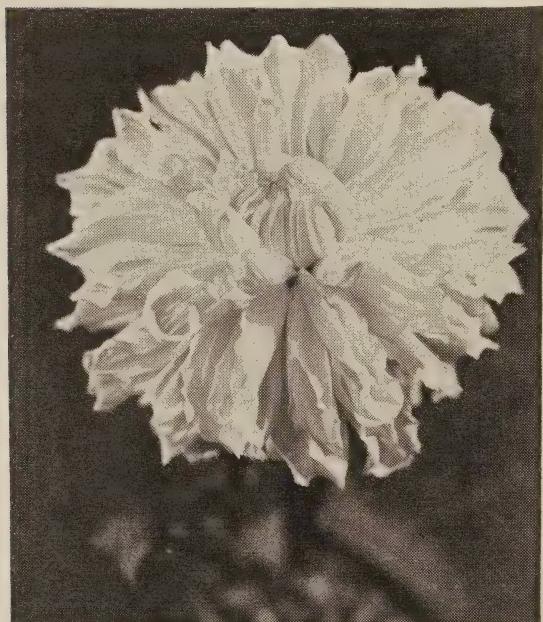
HOLLYWOOD STAR (Pape-Robens) — Semicactus, rhodamine purple with slightly lighter center and reverse. Bush $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Gives bloom all season. Size 11 by 6 inches and more if well disbudded. Stems 10 to 12 inches; hold blooms on side. Has good substance. Would compete well with Ada N.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

Once a Customer, Means You Will Always be a Customer.

HART'S WHIRLAWAY (Hart Hulin) I. C.—Yellow blended apricot. The 9" x 4" bloom is made up of beautiful, whirling petals. Substance and stems are good.

Root \$2.60 Plant \$1.00



HENRY Z.

HOUSE OF ORANGE F.D.—Pure orange color. Excellent cut flower and profuse bloomer.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

IRENE RICH "A" S. C. (Parrella)—Color, rose bengal blended apricot, with cadmium range. General effect, bright rose red. An artistic and beautiful dahlia with lacerated petals and a distinct new color. A Gold Medal certificate winner at A.D.S. Show, N. Y., 1949. Free and profuse bloomer early and late. Blooms 12½ by 7 inches top and 45 degree angle. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Foliage healthy, spreading, tall. Bush 5½ feet.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

IRVIN FLECK (Retzer) I. D. Mallow purple with phlox purple shadings. Size 10 x 5 or better. Strong wiry stems holds bloom at upward tilt. This dahlia has winning qualities. Bush grows about 5 feet.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

ISLIP PURITY F. D.—White cut flower. An excellent cut flower of good size. Blooms profusely early and late. Bushes are vigorous.

Root \$1.25

JANE COWL (Downs) I. D.—A large bronzy buff and gold. Old but still good.

Root 50c

JANE LAUSCHE (Rocky River) S. C. Bi-color of rosy mauve tipped white. Size about 11" x 6". A beautiful flower that wins at all shows.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

JERSEY BEAUTY F. D.—Medium size pink. Is about the best for florists' trade. The most universally grown dahlia in commerce.

Root 50c

Green, Black and Blue Dahlias as yet Don't Exist. Any Other Color? Sure,
You'll Find it in my List.

KELVIN I. D. — About the biggest and best dahlia to come from Australia.
Color about peach pink. Robust plants with large foliage.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

KELVIN ROSE (Aust.) S. C.—Huge blooms of salmon rose held facing on strong
stems, over a vigorous bush.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

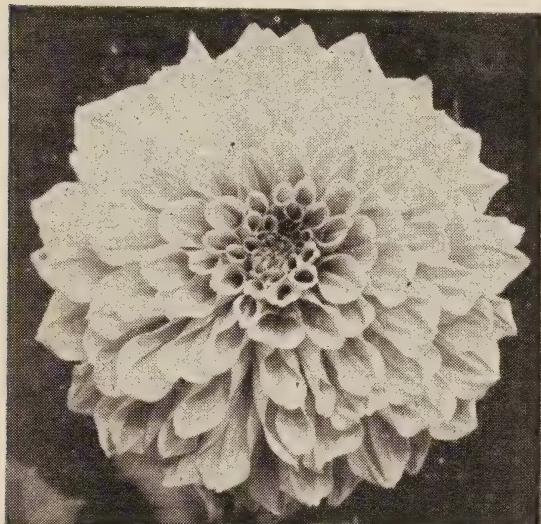
KIDD'S KLIMAX F.D.—Yellow and suffused mauve. Large round blooms are
held above foilage on strong stems.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

KEMIKAGE I. C. (Parrella)—A very beautiful medium sized yellow with
tightly twisted petals, forming a very attractive flower.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD—A big buff and gold. Early and prolific. Size 10" x 5".
Root \$1.50



LADY OF THE SNOWS
(Majszky-Parrella) F.D. to I.D. White with a creamy tone of size 10 x 6". Back petals recurve to stem forming a full, deep, round flower. Plant with large, leathery foliage is a vigorous grower with strong stems. This is a dahlia that can take hot weather as both plant and flower stood right up in the 95 to 100 degree days. Blooms early and late. Flowers have excellent substance. We honestly believe this is about the best all around large white to date. Bush grows about 5 feet.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50

LADY OF THE SNOWS

LYNN FONTANNE (Lee-Parrella) S. C. to I. D.—One of the very largest and a frequent winner in the largest bloom class. Color spectrum red with some chrome petaloids. The 12" x 7" blooms have excellent substance and are held well up on ideal steams. Plant is vigorous.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

MABEL HUMPHREYS (Parrella) F. D.—Color shade of rose pink. Large blooms about 9½" to 11" by 5" or 6½" deep. Have good substance. Plant of good branching habit. Is an early and profuse bloomer.

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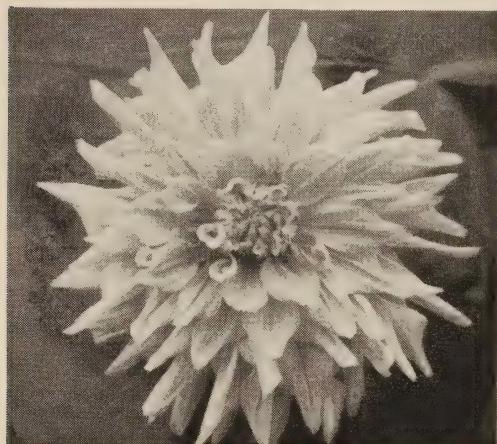
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MRS. ALTON B. PARKER, A.-I.D.

MARIE LAYNE (Parrella) F. D.—Bluish lavender with some magenta flecks. The 9" x 4½" blooms are held at a perfect angle on good stems. Bush is vigorous with dark green leathery foliage. This dahlia won seedling award at the New York Show and was named for the soprano artist Marie Layne.

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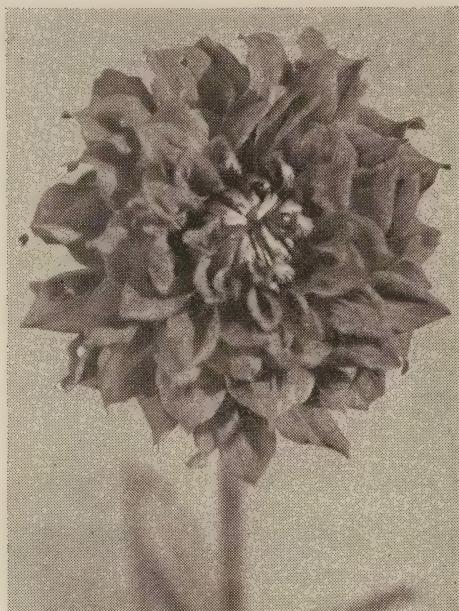
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1. Select easily grown varieties and those giving full satisfaction.
2. Prepare the selected planting spot well and place the supporting stake.
3. Dig a hole next to the stake, about 10 inches in diameter and 7 to 8 inches deep, and place one handful of bonemeal in the hole, or any other recommended fertilizer and mix thoroughly with the soil before planting.
4. Place roots in flat position with the sprout or "eye" facing upwards. Cover lightly with about 2 inches of soil. In doing this be careful not to damage the sprout. As the plant grows, fill around the stem with soil.
5. Do not plant too early. At times, too early planting spoils good roots. I would suggest planting from June 1st on, except in climates where a short growing season is prevalent. In that case use your own judgment.
6. Keep the soil well cultivated throughout the season, and prevent weeds from outgrowing the plant.
7. Water plants during hot weather at least once a week. Do not merely sprinkle them, but soak them. This must be done after sundown.
8. Tie the plant to the supportive stake with soft cord, at distance of 12 inches apart. This is done as an added security against destruction by wind and storm. Spray with any reliable parasiticide at least once every two weeks.
9. About August 1st, scatter a handful of bonemeal about 6 inches around the stem and rake it gently into the soil. Other fertilizers may be used if desired. Do not use excessive amounts of fertilizer as injury to the roots will result.
10. About August 15th, the same treatment as above is applied. Disbudding at this time aids in the formation of bigger and better flowers and longer stems. This should insure good results. If any other information is desirable, I will gladly forward you the same.



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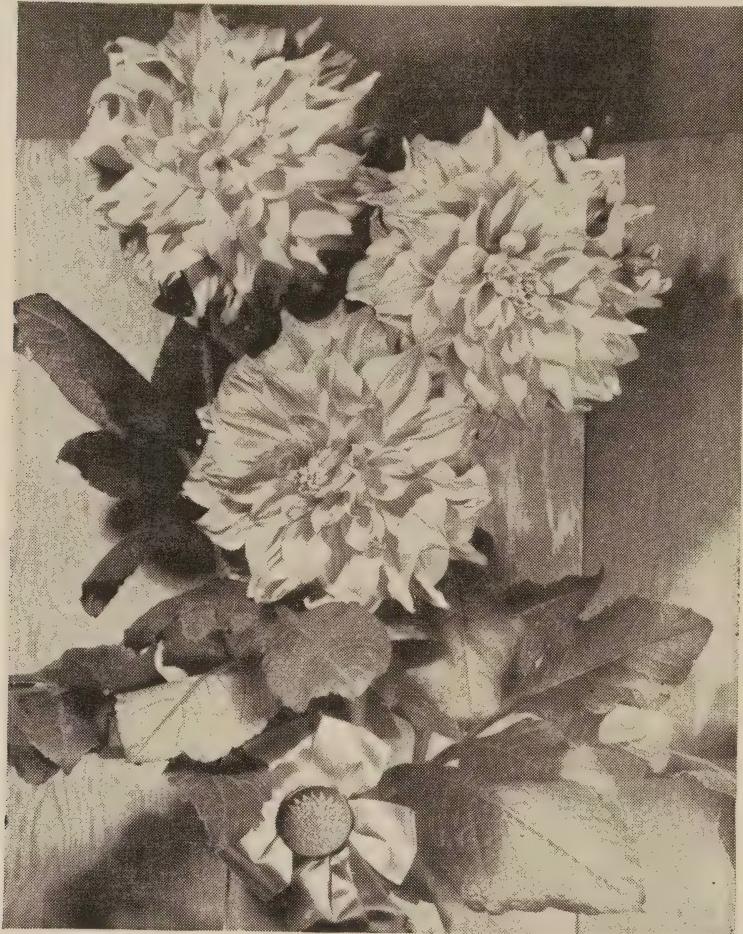
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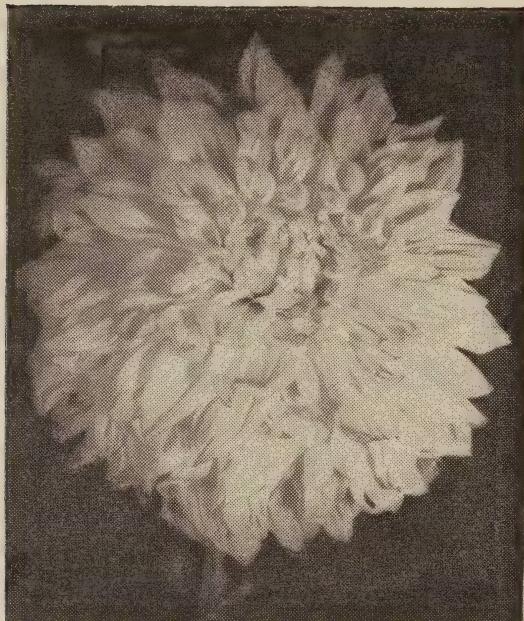
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Sincere'y

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S. W.

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St. Clair Shores, Mich. February 25th, 1955
I enjoyed your Dahlias very much last year. That is why I am ordering some more.
Sincerely, Mrs. L.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L.

HOW TO GROW DAHLIA FROM SEED

There are many ways that dahlia seeds are started, and grown, on account of the different climatic conditions, and the length of the growing season, here in New York City, I have been getting wonderful results as follows: About April 1st, I select an open sunny location in my garden and spade this to a depth of about 8 inches and rake the soil until it is finely broken, and not lumpy, then with a hoe make trenches about 4 inches in depth and about 12 inches apart.

Then place a seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about one half inch of soil, water lightly and cover with about 2 or 3 inches of peat moss, as a protection against a slight frost or cold. About May 1st carefully remove the peat moss and in another week or two you will see the young dahlia plants breaking through the ground, add a little more soil to the trench and around the plants that are showing above ground, so that they will get better and stronger root formation. About June 1st many of these plants will be about 4 or 5 inches above the ground, showing two to three sets of leaves and the stems will be about the thickness of an ordinary match. They are then about the right size for transplanting.

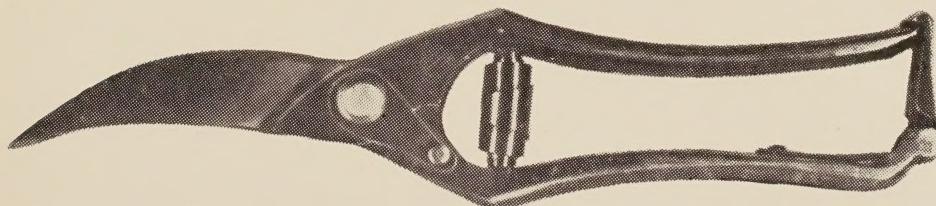
In colder climates and where the growing season is not so long, is to start the seeds in boxes or flats about 20 inches long, 12 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Make 3 or 4 trenches about 2 inches deep and plant the seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about a half inch of soil. These seeds should be planted about 2 months before it is reasonably safe to transplant the young plants out into the open.

The box should be kept in a warm room and near a window that faces a sunny location. About 2 or 3 weeks later, they will be breaking out of the ground and when they are about 3 or 4 inches high, they should be removed from the box and transplanted into 3 inch flower pots, and on warm, sunny days, should be left out into the open to gradually harden, and when you believe that the time is right for their permanent transplanting as described above, then plant them as directed, and they will grow into strong, healthy plants, as good if not better than plants grown from tubers.

Of course if you have a greenhouse or a cold frame facilities, it will simplify matters by starting your seeds about March 15th and using the above last two paragraph principles.

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